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SUBJECT:EARTHQUAKE - LEGAL STATUS OF US MILITARY FORCES

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1. DEPT AGREES WITH EMBASSY (PARA 2 REF A) THAT WE SHOULD AVOID SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE NEW STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT, GIVEN PAST HISTORY OF SUCH EFFORTS IN GUATEMALA AND OBVIOUS NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION TO RESOLVE LEGAL PROTECTION ISSUE. HOWEVER, RATHER THAN FOLLOWING USMILGP NOTIFICATION APPROACH (WHICH DOD WOULD PREFER TO AVOID) OR CONCLUDE NEW AGREEMENT ALONG LINES OF 1965 EXCHANGE OF NOTES (WHICH WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY AND COULD LEAD TO MORE EXTENSIVE DISAGREEMENT), DEPT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY SIMPLY OBTAIN GOG'S WRITTEN CONCURRENCE THAT THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF APRIL 29 AND MAY 4, 1965 WILL BE VIEWED AS EXTENDING TO ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE ATLANTIC HIGHWAY

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. APPROPRIATE VEHICLE WOULD BE EXCHANGE

OF LETTERS TO THAT END BETWEEN EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. IF EMBASSY CONCURS IT MAY PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE ALONG
THESE LINES. INGERSOLL

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